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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
T. W. Hutchens, Ph.D., et al.

Docket No.: HO-P00798US9

Application No.: 09/123,253

Group Art Unit: 1743

Filed: July 27, 1998

Examiner: L. Alexander

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF  
ANALYTES

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231  
Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2002 in the above-captioned application. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 54, 55, 58, 59, 62, 72-74, 77, 78, 81, 84, 85, 92, 93, 96, 97, 100, 102-104, and 114-119 without prejudice and acquiescence.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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